టుంది. కను యీ ప్రశ్న ఏ మెమొరాండమునకు సంబంధించినటువంటిదో మరియు మంత్రిగారిచ్చినటువంటి జవాబు ఏ మెమొరాండమునకు సంబంధించినటువంటిదో సెలవిస్తారు.?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"The Prime Minister was here only once and I gave him only one memorandum at the time and that is why I have said 'Yes' in answer to the question."

Location of a Sub-Magistrate's Court in Punganur.

* 156 *Q.*—SRI B. KRISHNAMURTHY RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state why the Government have not thought it fit to locate a Sub-Magistrate's Court in Punganur?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"It was considered that the volume of work arising in and around Punganur did not justify the stationing of a full-time Sub-Magistrate at that place. Prior to the introduction of the scheme of separation in Chittoor district, the Deputy Tahsildar of Punganur was exercising magisterial functions which was terminated when separation was ordered. The jurisdiction over Punganur taluk has been conveniently divided between the Stationary Sub-Magistrates at Madanapalle and Piler each of them exercising jurisdiction over the adjoining area of Punganur taluk."

SRI K. VARADACHARI:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the Government have noted the fact that Piler where the present Magistrate's Court is situated is nearly 70 miles from Punganur and that people find it difficult to cover such long distances?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"Sir, the Government considered the question in 1950. The Committee was also asked to examine it. It was found that the present arrangement was the most suitable to the litigant public."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM:—"Is it not necessary, Sir, irrespective of the distance and the number of cases tried, that a Sub-Magistrate's Court should be there for each taluk?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"It will be only waste of time if such a rule were to be adopted."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI:—"May I bring it to the notice of the Government, as my hon. Friend just now said, that some people have to travel for three days to go to the Piler Sub-Magistrate's Court? The Hon. Minister just now said that the Committee recommended that the present arrangement was adequate. Whatever the recommendations of the Committee may be, I request the Government to open a court at Punganur and thus remove the difficulty experienced by the people?"

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, so far as the Government are concerned, they have another difficulty. It is the High Court which has to locate the Sub-Magistrates' Courts, and they have held that the present court is more suitable to the litigant public."

Thefts in the Legislators' Hostel.

* 157 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many thefts committed in the Legislators' Hostel were reported at the D-2 Police Station (Wallajah Road) within the last one year;

(*b*) what is the amount of property involved; and

(*c*) what action has so far been taken?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Six cases of thefts were reported at D-1 Triplicane Police station within the last one year.

" The total amount of property involved is Rs. 538.

" All these cases were duly investigated but had to be finally treated as undetected.

" The menial staff has been strengthened and a constable in mufti has been posted to patrol in the early hours of the morning, as precautionary measures."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in cases of such thefts may I know whether it is the duty of the hostel authorities or the duty of the Members who live in the hostel to report the thefts to the police authorities? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not the duty of anybody, Sir. But it is in the interest of the person who lost the property to complain." (Laughter.)

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Chief Minister is aware that part of it is due to the fact that the hostel is not provided with proper compound walls and some of the openings are not provided with doors? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, these thefts in my opinion are internal thefts." (Laughter.)

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I ask the Hon. Chief Minister to tell us what he means by ' internal thefts '? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" What I mean, Sir, is that people do not scale over the walls and steal, but people who have an opportunity and who are already inside manage to steal something which they very much need." (Laughter.)